

ON AN INTEGRAL OPERATOR OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. New sufficient conditions are derived for the integral operator of meromorphic functions defined by

$$H(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z u^{c-1} (uf_1(u))^{\gamma_1} \cdots (uf_n(u))^{\gamma_n} du,$$

to be in the class $\Sigma_N(\lambda)$ of meromorphic functions satisfying the condition $-\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1\right\} < \lambda$, where $\lambda > 1$.

1. Introduction and definitions

Let Σ denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

which are analytic in the punctured unit disk $\mathcal{U} = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be meromorphic starlike of order δ for some δ ($0 \leq \delta < 1$) if and only if

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \delta \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (1.1)$$

We denote by $\Sigma^*(\delta)$ the class of all meromorphic starlike functions of order δ .

The class $\Sigma^*(\delta)$ and various other subclasses of Σ have been studied rather extensively by Nehari and Netanyahu [15], Clunie [8], Pommerenke [18], Miller [12], Royster [19], and others. Analogous to the subclass $\mathcal{N}(\lambda)$ (see [20]) of analytic functions satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right\} < \lambda \quad (\lambda > 1, z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

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Wang et al. [22] (see also [15]) introduced and studied the subclass $\Sigma_N(\lambda)$ of Σ consisting of functions $f(z)$ satisfying

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} + 1 \right\} < \lambda, \quad (\lambda > 1, z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

Recently, many authors introduced and studied various integral operators of analytic and univalent functions in open unit disk \mathcal{U} (cf., e.g., [2–6, 9–10, 16–17]).

In the present paper, we derive new sufficient condition for the following new integral operator $H(z)$ of meromorphic functions Σ to be in the class $\Sigma_N(\lambda)$.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let $f_j \in \Sigma$ and $\gamma_j > 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $H(z): \Sigma^n \rightarrow \Sigma$ be the integral operator defined by

$$H(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z u^{c-1} (uf_1(u))^{\gamma_1} \cdots (uf_n(u))^{\gamma_n} du, \quad (c > 0, z \in \mathcal{U}). \quad (1.2)$$

Here and throughout in the sequel every many-valued function is taken with the principal branch.

REMARK 1.2. We note that if $c = 1$, then the integral operator $H(z)$ reduces to the integral operator

$$H(f_1, \dots, f_n, z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \int_0^z (uf_1(u))^{\gamma_1} \cdots (uf_n(u))^{\gamma_n} du, \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

introduced by Mohammed and Darus [14]. If $n = 1$, $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ and $f_1 = f$, then the integral operator $H(z)$ reduces to the integral operator

$$I_{\gamma,c}(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z u^{c-1} (uf(u))^\gamma du, \quad (\gamma, c > 0, z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

In particular, for $\gamma = 1$, we have the integral operator $I_c(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+1}} \int_0^z u^c f(u) du$, which was studied by many authors (cf., e.g., [1, 11, 13]).

In order to derive our main results, we have to recall here the following

LEMMA 1.3. [7] *If $f(z) \in \Sigma$ satisfies $f(z)f'(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} and*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} < 2 - \beta \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \frac{1}{3 - 2\beta} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

where $1/2 \leq \beta < 1$.

2. Results

THEOREM 2.1. *Let $f_j(z) \in \Sigma$ and $\gamma_j > 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$, with*

$$1 < \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j < c + 1, \quad (c > 0). \quad (2.1)$$

If $H(z) \in \Sigma^(\delta)$ and $zH'(z)/H(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} , then $H(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.*

Proof. From (1.2) it follows that

$$\left(\frac{z^{c+1}H(z)}{c}\right)' = z^{c-1}(zf_1(z))^{\gamma_1} \cdots (zf_n(z))^{\gamma_n} \quad (2.2)$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.2) logarithmically and multiplying by z , we obtain

$$\frac{z^2H''(z) + 2(c+1)zH'(z) + c(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z) + (c+1)H(z)} = c - 1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} + 1\right)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + c(c+1)\frac{H(z)}{zH'(z)} + 2(c+1)}{1 + (c+1)\frac{H(z)}{zH'(z)}} = c - 1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} + 1\right).$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{-\left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1\right) - c(c+1)\frac{H(z)}{zH'(z)} - (2c+1)}{1 + (c+1)\frac{H(z)}{zH'(z)}} = 1 - c - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} + 1\right). \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.3), we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} -\left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1\right) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)}\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1\right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Taking real part of both sides of (2.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1\right) &= \operatorname{Re}\left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)}\right)\right] \\ &\quad + (c+1)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1\right) \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{-H(z)}{zH'(z)}\right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1\right) &= \operatorname{Re}\left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)}\right)\right] \\ &\quad + (c+1)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1\right) \operatorname{Re}\left(-\frac{1}{\frac{zH'(z)}{H(z)}}\right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \\ &\leq \left|\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)}\right)\right| \\ &\quad + (c+1)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1\right) \frac{\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{-zH'(z)}{H(z)}\right)}{\left|\frac{zH'(z)}{H(z)}\right|^2} + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\lambda = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \right| \\ + (c+1) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \frac{\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{-zH'(z)}{H(z)} \right)}{\left| \frac{zH'(z)}{H(z)} \right|^2} + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j.$$

Since $\left| \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) \left(1 + \frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \right| > 0$ and $H(z) \in \Sigma^*(\delta)$, then we have

$$\lambda > (c+1) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \frac{\delta}{\left| \frac{zH'(z)}{H(z)} \right|^2} + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j > c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j$$

which, in light of the hypothesis (2.1), yields $\lambda > 1$. Therefore, $H(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$. This completes the proof. ■

Letting $n = 1$, $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ and $f_1 = f$ in Theorem 2.1, we have

COROLLARY 2.2. *Let $f \in \Sigma$ and $1 < \gamma < c + 1$, $c > 0$. If $I_{\gamma,c}(z) \in \Sigma^*(\delta)$ and $zI'_{\gamma,c}(z)/I_{\gamma,c}(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} then $I_{\gamma,c}(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.*

With the help of Lemma 1.3, we now derive the following theorem

THEOREM 2.3. *Let $f_j(z) \in \Sigma$ satisfies $f_j(z)f'_j(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} , for all $j = 1, \dots, n$, $1/2 \leq \beta < 1$ and*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} - \frac{zf''_j(z)}{f'_j(z)} \right\} < 2 - \beta \quad (j = 1, \dots, n, z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

If $\gamma_j > 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$, with

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j > \frac{(1+c)(3-2\beta)}{2-2\beta}, \quad (c > 0). \quad (2.5)$$

then $H(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.

Proof. From (2.4), we obtain

$$-\left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1 \right) = \left(\frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \right] \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j.$$

Thus, we have

$$-\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{zH''(z)}{H'(z)} + 1 \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \right] \right\} \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \operatorname{Re} \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j$$

$$\leq \left| \left(\frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \right] \right| \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \operatorname{Re} \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j.$$

Let

$$\lambda = \left| \left(\frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \right] \right| \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \operatorname{Re} \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j. \quad (2.6)$$

Then, applying Lemma 1.3 and since $\left| \left(\frac{(c+1)H(z)}{zH'(z)} \right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(-\frac{zf'_j(z)}{f_j(z)} \right) - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - 1 \right) \right] \right| > 0$, we have

$$\lambda > \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \left(\frac{1}{3-2\beta} \right) + c + 2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j = c + 2 + \left(\frac{2\beta-2}{3-2\beta} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j$$

which, in light of the hypothesis (2.5), yields $\lambda > 1$. Therefore, $H(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$. ■

Letting $n = 1$, $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ and $f_1 = f$ in Theorem 2.3, we have

COROLLARY 2.4. *Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$ satisfies $f(z)f'(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} , $1/2 \leq \beta < 1$, and*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} < 2 - \beta \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

If

$$\gamma > \frac{(1+c)(3-2\beta)}{2-2\beta}, \quad (c > 0),$$

then $I_{\gamma,c}(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.

Letting $\beta = 1/2$ in Corollary 2.4, we immediately have

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$ satisfies $f(z)f'(z) \neq 0$ in \mathcal{D} , and*

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} < 3/2 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

If $\gamma > 2(1+c)$, $c > 0$, then $I_{\gamma,c}(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.

Making use of (2.6) and definition (1.1), we can prove

THEOREM 2.6. *Let $f_j(z) \in \Sigma$ and $\gamma_j > 0$, for $j = 1, \dots, n$, with*

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j > \frac{c+1}{1-\delta}, \quad (c > 0, 0 \leq \delta < 1).$$

If $f(z) \in \Sigma^*(\delta)$ then $H(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.

Letting $n = 1$, $\gamma_1 = \gamma$ and $f_1 = f$ in Theorem 2.6, we have

COROLLARY 2.7. *Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$ and $\gamma > \frac{c+1}{1-\delta}$ ($c > 0$), where $0 \leq \delta < 1$. If $f(z) \in \Sigma^*(\delta)$ then $I_{\gamma,c}(z) \in \Sigma_N(\lambda)$, where $\lambda > 1$.*

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